

County Library Board Meeting
January 10, 2008

The meeting came to order at 10:05 am with Chair, Evalyn Johnson; Vice Chair, Judy Brendel; Trustees, Gary Forney, Donna Ohs and Pat Bradley; Library Assistant, Faye Rutherford; and Director, Joanne Erdall present.

The minutes of the December 13th, 2007 meeting were read. A motion to accept these minutes as read was made by Ohs and seconded by Bradley.

Jon Scott, President of the Vigilance Club who operates the museum, was here to present our library board with an assessment of this building. Jon Scott and John Hamilton sat down together and made an outline to assist the County Commissioners in seeking engineer and architect studies. The outline highlights projects that need to be done to prevent further water damage to the building foundation and other repairs that are needed. Discussions followed concerning the library needing more circulation shelving and not storage and which route to take to make that happen. It was decided that exploring the development of plans for a library addition for the future, would be better than the band-aid fix of closing the stairwell. A scope of work detail was drafted. When finalized we will all meet with the commissioners to officially ask them to seek the funding and grants to move forward with this project. A project this board has been working on for over a year.

The board went over the budget detail.

The State Library contacted Joanne and asked that she help them in nominating a fellow librarian as Librarian of the Year. Since this is to be kept a secret, the name will be revealed in future minutes.

Donna Ohs shared her experience of attending the Trustee's workshop entitled, "Don't Get Busted: Library Laws you need to Know", in Missoula. We had several handouts we looked over. It was decided to invite, Harold Blattie, Executive Director of MACO (Montana Association of Counties), to attend one of our upcoming board meetings. We would invite other library boards throughout the Madison, Jefferson and Beaverhead counties.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, February 14th at 10:00 am.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.